

Remarks/Arguments

35 U.S.C. §102 / Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5, and 8-16, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Teichner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,428,022).

Claims 6 and 17, were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of otherwise allowable claim 6 and all intervening claims. Claim 12 has been rewritten to include the limitations of otherwise allowable claim 17 and all intervening claims. As such, it is respectfully asserted that currently amended claims 1 and 12 are now allowable. It is further respectfully asserted that currently amended claim 8 is allowable for at least the same reasons that currently amended claims 1 and 12 are allowable.

Furthermore, since dependent claims 2-3, 7, 9-10, 13-14, and 18 are dependent from allowable independent claims 1, 8, and 12, it is submitted that they too are allowable for at least the same reasons that their respective independent claims are allowable. Thus, it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7 and 18, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teichner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,428,022).

Since dependent claims 7 and 18 are dependent from independent claims 1 and 12, which are allowable for the reasons described above, it is submitted that they too are allowable for at least the same reasons that their respective independent claims are allowable. Thus, it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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